Change on the 5th June, 1991 call was made for steps to slow down global warming;

(b) if so, what precise suggestions were made therein;

(c) what is India's contribution towards global warming as per the recent studies conducted by Centre for Science and Environment and Tata Energy Research Institute; and

(d) what corrective steps are contemplated in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI KAMAL NATH): (a) to (d) There is widespread concern about the possibility of global warming and climate change caused by human activity resulting in the emission of "greenhouse gases" Scientific studies made in India so far do not indicate that India makes any significant contribution towards global warming. This is a field in which there is considerable scientific uncertainty about the causes, pace and impact of the possible changes. Scientists and experts are already engaged in carrying out indepth studies on this aspect. Copies of the documents referred to in part (a) and part (c) of the Question, as received from the concerned institutions, have been placed in the Parliament Library.

Setting up of the independent regulatory body under environment protection act

1188. SHRI MAHENDRA PRASAD:

SHRI MURLIDHAR CHANDRAKANT BHANDARE:

DR. RATNAKAR PANDEY:

Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether after six years of enactment of the Environment Protection Act, 1986, the contemplated an independent regulatory body to monitor compliance is yet to be set up; and

(b) if so, what steps have been and are being taken by the new Government to set up this body?

THE MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI KAMAL NATH): (a) and (b) As per Section 3(3) of the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986 the Central Government may, if it considers it necessary or expedient, for the purposes of the Act, constitute an authority or authorities for performing such of the powers and functions mentioned in the Act, subject to the supervision and control of the Central Government.

The matter was reviewed and keeping in view that the existing implementing agencies such as the Central and State Pollution Control Boards were adequate to enforce the provisions of the Act, it was decided not to set up an authority.

Non-fulfilment of international obligations by SBI

1189. DR. BAPU KALDATE: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether State Bank of India has defaulted in its international payment obligations and has failed to raise foreign currency loans;

(b) if so, who are the foreign suppliers and what is the name of the commodity supplied by each of them and what is the total amount of bills still to be paid in each case;

(c) what are the reasons for non-fulfilment of international obligations by the S.B.I.; and

(d) what action Government proposes to take in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI RAMESHWAR THAKUR): (a) No Sir. State Bank of India has been able to fulfil its international payment obligations and has been

able to raise loans in foreign currency.

(b) to (d) Does not arise.

X-Ray and ECG machine in Sewa Nagar CGHS dispensary

1190. SHRI K. G. MAHESHWARAPPA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the X-Ray and ECG Machines in Sewa Nagar CGHS dispersary are out of order; and

(b) if so, since when and what are the details of the action taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SMT. D. K. THARA DEVI SIDDHARTHA): (a) and (b) ECG Machine has since been got repaired and is in working order. X-Ray Machine is out of order since 1-9-90. The repair of the X-Ray Machine is being expedited.

Implementation of new education policy

1191. DR. RATNAKAR PANDEY:

SHRIMATI BIJOYA CHAKRAVARTY:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have taken measures to implement the new education policy;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof;

(c) whether Government propose any changes in new education policy; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ARJUN SINGH): (a) and (b) After National Policy on Education (NPE) was adoptead by the Parliament in May, 1986, several steps were taken for its implementation in furtherance of its objectives. A number of new schemes were launched in key areas like Elementary Education including Operation Blackboard, Non-Formal Education, restructuring of Teacher Education, establishment of Navodaya Vidyalayas, Vocationalisation of Education, Science Education, Education Technology and Modernisation in the Higher and Technical Education sectors including removal of obsolescence. The Government have decided to resume the implementation of NPE with renewed vigour.

(c) and (d) The Government do not propose to make any fundamental change in the policy. However it has been decided to constitute a Committee of the Central Advisory Board of Education to review the implementation of NPE taking into account the recommendations of the Committee for review of the National Policy on Education as well as the various developments that have taken place since NPE.

News item captioned "ban on exports of red sanders wood lifted"

1192. SHRI VIREN J. SHAH: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news item published in the Statesman, Delhi dated the 4th July, 1991 entitled "Ban on exports of red sanders wood lifted" indicating that the deletion of conditionality for the export of red sanders wood is likely to result in indiscriminate felling of long gestation red sanders trees for short term gains in foreign exchange in view of great demand for red sanders wood in musical instruments needing high resonance; and

(b) what safeguards are being contemplated in the trade policy being framed by Government to reduce indiscriminate felling arising out of relaxation, realisation of a minimum